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+PLEASE+ Will those of you reading this paragraph who have NOT
+++++++ joined the Association, please do so. A great deal
of work is being done for all residents, leaseholders and
tenants alike, and although we now speak for over 80% of the Villagers
it would be better to speak for everybody.

The annual subscription of 10/-d. is very modest, and is possible only because almost the whole of our running costs are donated by a handful of good souls deeply interested in our welfare and in the ultimate success of the Village.

Membership forms can be got from the Secretary, 58, Acorn Avenue, of the Treasurer, at 59, Acorn Avenue.

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+PARISH + The County Council will shortly be making an order
+COUNCIL+ constituting the Parish Council, but the first election
+++++++ will probably not be held until the new Electoral Register,
to be prepared in October, is effective in February 1969,
because to use the existing register would bar about two thirds of the
residents from voting.

Until the Parish Council is elected, the Parish Meeting will be able to deal with any local government matters in consultation and via the Rural District Council, so nothing will be lost by waiting for our Election until the whole of the present adult population is able to vote.

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+UNDER NEW + Your officers met senior members of the new developers at a
+MANAGEMENT+ recent reception in the Village. Impressions then, and
+++++++ correspondence and conversations since, are that our
community growth will accelerate under the impetus of
specialists in the building of houses for "retail".

There can be no dramatic overnight changes in a business operation of this magnitude, and some familiar faces and names will be with us, we hope, for a long time to come - some will disappear as the months go by, and as they go we shall wish them every success in new appointments, and extend a welcome to their successors.

In the meantime, and until things are seen to be moving again in the Village, be patient, and be sure that the "newcomers" have every intention of preserving the original basic Bar Hill concept, and that they are as willing and anxious to get on with us as we are with them.

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++SHOPPING++ Very shortly now we shall have our staple requirements
+++CENTRE++ available on our doorsteps, and there is little doubt
that we shall begin to become a local shopping centre
for a large area North and South of A 604.

Welcome to Keymarkets, and welcome too to our first "arcade"
establishment - for months now our neighbours and association members the
"Wades" of Acorn Avenue will soon be saving us the time and effort needed
to get out hair cut and done. Other shops and the Bank will follow one
by one, and with the opening of the School in September, the Village hub
will begin to operate to hold the existing community together and to
stimulate others to join us.

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+SCHOOL++ At a recent meeting at Church House, the Managers considered
+MATTERS+ a wide range of matters, but since some questions of principle
+++++++ are subject to the general approval of the County Education
Committee, not much can yet be said about decisions.

It is clear, however, that in Mr. Norton we have a Head Teacher who
believes in the School as a part of community life, and not solely as a
vehicles for imparting knowledge to children, and parents may expect to
be asked to share to a far greater extent, and to show more interest, in
the School than by merely sending youngsters for instruction.

The Managers meet again on 22nd July to appoint the Caretakers and
Cleaning staff, and the Clerical and Non-teaching assistant.

For officers, Councillor Mrs. H.M. Leakey, our County Councillor,
was elected Chairman of the Managers, and Mr. T.G. Barnes, a Manager and
a resident in Gladeside as Correspondent.

SCHOOL MEALS are important, and Mr. Norton sees the School mid-day
meal not only as a duty in feeding a hungry child, but also as an opportunity
for developing a child's social instincts. Many mothers, working and other-
wise, may wish to have their children of school age and attending the School,
stay for lunch, and it would help Mr. Norton considerably if parents who
wish their children to take lunch at School will complete the small slip
attached and return it to the Secretary on or before the 3rd August - this
is solely to enable plans to go ahead, completion of the slip is NOT a
commitment, and failure to send it in does NOT bar a child from taking a
meal, but filling it in WILL HELP in planning.

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++EVENING++ Evening classes and courses for Villagers will be arranged
+INSTITUTE+ by the Adult Tutor at Swavesey Village College. Where
+++++++ sufficient demand exists in a suitable subject, classes
will be arranged IN THE VILLAGE, but where the subject
clearly demands either large numbers of students or special facilities
and equipment, the course will be at the Village College, with transport
provided.

A door to door survey will be arranged by the Tutor well before
programmes for the Autumn session are completed, so if you know what you
would like to do, and where, speak up when you are called upon - even if
them as asks don't get, it is certain that them as don't ask don't want.

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+GARDEN+
++FETE++
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ON 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1968, we shall hold the first ever Bar Hill Garden Fete. If you are prepared to lend a hand on the day and you have not already been coerced into doing something, PLEASE CONTACT NOW any of the following:

T. Barnes	24, Gladeside. ✓
R.A. Burry	58, Acorn Avenue. ✓
Mrs. P.A. Cassim	16, Acorn Avenue. ✓
M.P. Duce	22, Gladeside. ✓
J.D. Palmer	59, Acorn Avenue. ✓
B. Russen	12, Gladeside. ✓
✓Mrs. M.G. Shrimpton	10, Robin Close.

Rodney Dale is representing Cambridge Consultants, who again, like the very active members they are, are giving us their usual unstinted help and support.

An ambitious and interesting event is being planned, and profits will be funded for our swimming pool and games centre project.

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+SWIMMING POOL+
+GAMES CENTRE++
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There seems to be some confusion about the purpose of our project and it might help if everybody had some basic facts in mind.

The first is that we need it!

And from there, there has to be a feasibility, phasing and costing study which we hope will soon be undertaken.

When this is done we shall know the cost, and timing of the phases, which could be Village Green, tennis courts, swimming pool (open) games centre including games room, billiards, bar and refreshments room, changing rooms and so on, and covering the swimming pool, in that order.

It will cost a lot of money, phase by phase, and we can expect fairly substantial contributions from several sources, but we may have to find about 25% ourselves.

As to use of facilities when we get them, we have to bear in mind the cost of staff, maintenance and upkeep, and possible loan charges, and obviously there will be no question of a "free-for-all" affair - and this will include the Villagers.

An American scheme on which our idea is based provides for a form of "Club" membership for residents, which is probably what we would do, and we would also charge for use by anyone from outside the Village.

The most frequent comment reported to the Editor is, roughly, "Why bust our braces providing something for other people (not Villagers presumably) to use for nothing".

Well, "other people" WON'T use it for nothing, but if, as we hope to do, we get help from Public monies in building it, obviously the Public can expect to use it, but equally obviously, EVERYBODY, including ourselves, will have to pay something when we use it to meet the costs of upkeep.

So please, everybody, try to be sensible about supporting the Scheme - we have a very long way to go: the burden of getting there is being borne by a very few people, but something like this is so essential to us all and to our children, that a united front is a must.

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++CAMBRIDGE++ Opening day and the days that followed gave us all the
+CONSULTANTS+ chance to see what went on in this around the clock
+++++++ work box - we saw "think tanks" and what was made of
thoughts thunk in them, and to the Editor's clerical/
administrative mind, these products were a revelation of what can be
done with a mile or two of wire and a handful of little coloured things
called condensers, and resistors, printed circuits, and little things
like spiders containing umpteen transistors or what-have-you's.

Switches he recognised and pointed circuits he'd read about, but to
one fearful of household ring mains, time and temperature switches and the
simple business of changing fuses, the skill and ingenuity in solving - and
packaging solutions - displayed by Cambridge Consultants was an eye-opener
to a field so much taken for granted.

Particular eye catchers: the neatest ever hi-fi stereophonic unit with
an output capacity capable of rattling the roof off the shopping centre:
a gadget for sorting out a true signal from what was known in far off
army days as "mush" (a loud rusting background noise) associated with the
conversion of music into computer punched cards and back again: a blob of
light to be stabilized - the wise ones tried this one only when the family
were busy at the bar: the goldfish gadget, and the other thing in which you
were supposed to react to a light signal and where a lot of people's
reactions were so retarded that they never even saw the light (or was it
switched off as the Editor tried it when no one was looking?): and the film
- "there's my Daddy" "oh! what do they get up to" "let's go and try the
free tea/coffee/cocoa": "oh! we're on the telly - look mum, that's us";
"so that's how they make carpets - no wonder they unravel at the ends"

Good show - Cambridge Consultants and may you go on from strength to
strangth - and can I have a go at your aptitude thing sometime - I daren't
try it when anyone was watching in case "you know who" heard about it and
realised that I am not worth my present miserable pittance.

Final comment - see George Brown and you've seen even the worst
cartoon of him, see the worst cartoon of George Brown and you've seen
George Brown - and he did his duty admirably well: and weren't the fireworks
fun - we found the carcasses in the shopping centre car park the other day,
so they WERE real rockets, not a conjuring trick with sparks and wires and
things.

Thank you for your hospitality, your courtesy, and above all your
tolerance of shoals of characters like the Editor.

(P. S. are you yet looking at the possibility of electronic sorting of
games and coarse fish for a certain laocal artificial lake where
there are trout in abundance and a growing population of pike
and various other coarse unpalatable species?)

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+PLAY GROUP+ If any household has TOYS (not boys!) that are no longer
+++++++ of any use or are surplus, the play group would be grateful
for them, please take them along to Mrs. Lakin of 22, Almond
Grove.

The Play group are also holding a Dance on 21st September 1968, in
the Canteen of Cambridge Consultants, and prizes for the draw they are
running will also be drawn and presented on that evening. Please support
this and buy as many draw tickets as you can!

Has anyone a tape recorder they would lend to record some modern
music? If so, would they please contact Mrs. Merryfield, of 8, Gladeside.

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+SPINE PATH++ These are provided for communal use to hold cigarette
+LITTER BINS+ packets, sweet papers, lolly sticks and all the other
+++++++ miscellaneous litter the ordinary pedestrian has to
jettison now and again - part of the "Keep Bar Hill
tidy" campaign in fact and N - O - T for garden rubbish. Good gardeners
use this as compost - easily made in a cheap wire basket - use it for
bulbs, roses and mulching - but keep it in your garden please and out
of everybody else's litter baskets.

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+NATIONAL+ It's never too late to join, you can save as much or as
+SAVINGS++ little as you like - regularly or spasmodically -
+++++++ keep up the good work Mrs. Elmitt - £21 odd in one week
is really good going, so if you would like to start
saving - see Mrs. Elmitt, 9 Robin Close.

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+CAMERA+ Anyone interested in this fascinating and rewarding pastime,
++CLUB++ should get in touch with Mr. Lancaster of 13, Gladeside for
+++++++ news of future sessions.

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+T. V. + The recent exceptionally heavy rain further highlighted weather
+++++++ sensitivity in the distribution junctions and they will be
modified shortly.

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+GRAPEVINE+ Watch this spot for late news! Things ARE already moving
+++++++ behind the scenes and within a few months there should be
firm evidence of new progress within the perimeter road.
Opening date for Keymarkets - 20th August 1968: work has begun on the
Westminster Bank: the School is on schedule and the Caretaker, cleaning staff
and the Secretary and General Assistant appointed: the approach road from
A 604 will be landscaped and planted with trees in the Autumn: support for
the Garden Fete is growing and gifts of money and prizes have been promised.

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+ADVERTISEMENTS+ BABY SITTING IN EVENINGS OFFERED. FIVE SHILLINGS PER HOUR.
+++++++ ✓ MRS. DAVIES, 17, ALMOND GROVE.

BABY SITTING IN EVENINGS OFFERED. TERMS BY ARRANGEMENT.
MARGARET PATERSON, 5, ADORN AVENUE.

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+FINAL+ If you haven't joined us yet, please do so NOW.
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